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SUBJECT: PARAGUAY: WHA/SMALLPOX DEMARCHE DEILVERED

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On May 8, POLOFF presented to MFA Director for International Organizations the U.S. position on the issue of smallpox eradication and noted the importance of maintaining stock and conducting research of the virus. Peralta told POLOFF that he was familiar with the issue and would pass along the reftel points to the Paraguayan Mission in Geneva. He stated that he could not make any official comments on the GOP's position without first discussing the matter with his colleagues in Geneva. Post will follow-up on the issue and will forward any response as it becomes available.
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